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SHOULD GO TO SAN FRANCISCO

Sentiment is crystallizing in Chicago and in some of the larger
cities between here and the Pacific Coast in favor of San Francisco as
the site to be designated by Congress for the holding of the Panama-
Pacific International Exposition in 1915.

President Taft has given assurance that the Panama Canal will be
completed before that year, but he adds that the official recognition of
the achievement and the formal opening will probably not be brought
forward in point of time.

Residents of the upper Mississippi valley and the upper mountain
region who are for San Francisco as against New Orleans say they
are prompted partly by selfish reasons, but that they also are moved
by considerations that contemplate the interests of the whole country.

From the selfish viewpoint San Francisco is favored by the more
enthusiastic boosters of Chicago, Kansas City, Denver, Omaha, Des
Moines, St. Louis, Indianapolis, Cleveland, Columbus, and Salt Lake,
because if the big show is held in the city of the Golden Gate these
big centers will be on the line of transcontinental travel between
the Atlantic seaboard and the Pacific Coast.

It is argued every foreigner from European countries who comes to
the exposition will inevitably cross the continent by train, either going
or coming. Probably not a single one of importance would pass
through the Panama canal in both directions. The reason for this is
that all will wish to see the more virile and hustling cities of the Uni-
ted States. If the exposition were held in New Orleans a very small
per centage of the exposition traffic would be routed through the
cities mentioned. If the \$50,000,000 show goes to the California
metropolis, all of them would inevitably become stopover points for
exposition tourists.

In the larger aspect of the question, the friends of San Francisco
say, the entire country will acquire the maximum of benefit if the ex-
position is held on the coast. A very large per centage of American
citizens do not know their own country.

With its commission form of municipal government, its abolishing
here and there of the party circle on official ballots, and its other new
devices of government, the far West has something of import to en-
gage the attention of the man who votes. It is contended that if the
Easterner sees coast affairs at close range and is permitted to make
his own observations of civics in the cities that intervene on the way,
he will absorb the better spirit of the West, and take it back home
with him to work as a leaven for the advancement of his own commu-
nity in public matters.

Census figures just issued show that in San Francisco and its im-
mediate environs there are nearly 650,000 inhabitants. This includes
only the city proper, Oakland, Berkeley and Alameda. There never
has been any question here of the superior financial ability of San
Francisco to care for a great exposition. Its proposed offer of \$17-
500,000 to Congress, coming so soon after its reconstruction at a cost
of \$300,000,000, is taken as the proper clew to the sincere and enthu-
siastic spirit in which it is going after the enterprise.

The census returns demonstrate that San Francisco is today, as in
the past, the premier city of the Coast, and indicate it is not at all
likely to lose that position. Students of international affairs believe
it will continue to be the all-important Pacific Coast link between
Oriental and Occidental trade, and that as such the logic of things
calls for San Francisco as the site of the formal show which is to
celebrate the completion of the Panama canal and the uniting of the
two oceans.—Jonathan Palmer in Chicago letter to St. Louis Times.



HE GOT IT.

Wily (who has caught Santa at a disadvantage)—Say, do I git dat au-
tomobile I wrote fer or not? Talk quick!

POISONING A BIG ELEPHANT

NEW YORK, Nov. 25.—It took 500
grains of cyanide of potassium, a
deadly poison to kill the Gipsy Queen,
a trick elephant this afternoon, in ex-
ecution of the death sentence passed
on her for the murder of her keeper,
Robert Schiel, on October 20 last.

Less than one grain is ordinarily
fatal to man, and the first convulsive
symptoms supervene almost before the
victim can set down the glass from
which he swallowed. But the Queen
swayed backward and forward, flap-
ping her big ears for ten minutes be-
fore she showed the least uneasiness,
and it was 44 minutes before she was
pronounced dead.

The poison was given her in three
pailfuls of bran mash in which had
been sprinkled 100 capsules, each of
five grains of cyanide. She had been
starved for 24 hours and ate greedily.
At the end of ten minutes she shivered
in all her vast bulk of 7650 pounds,
her knees weakened, her trunk grew
rigid, she rolled her eyes and fell. In
the next two minutes she got up four
times, struggling against the chains
that bound her. At the end of the 20
minutes her breathing was impercep-
tible, but 44 minutes after her first
swallow she winked when her trainer
passed his hand before her eyes. That
was the last sign of life.

The Queen was 37 years old, born
in Africa, and one of the largest ele-
phants in captivity; she stood 8 feet
7 inches high. Of recent years her
temper had not improved, and last Oc-
tober she picked up an unaccustomed
keeper who had been warned not to
go near her, slammed him against the
wall of her cell and then trod him
into pulp. A few days ago she grab-
ber for another keeper, but he had

kept cautiously out of her reach.
Nevertheless her trainer never lost
faith in her. To prove her docility he
took her out today a few minutes be-
fore her execution and led her through
her paces. She seemed willing enough
to perform, and submitted to be caressed
before she was led in to her death.

MUST BE FOR ALL OR FOR NONE.

If Massachusetts Gets Partial Free-
Trade Iowa Will Demand All-
Round Free-Trade.

(Des Moines Capital.)

For a sample of concentrated sel-
fishness we refer the reader to the
attitude of the Democrats in Massa-
chusetts on the Tariff question.

We publish in this issue a state-
ment on the part of Governor-elect
Foss of that state. The governor-
elect is a sensational politician. He
is a manufacturer of patented arti-
cles that do not need Protection. He
is rich and independent. He wants
to benefit Foss and his factory. This
man Foss has demanded that Senator
Henry Cabot Lodge withdraw from
the field as a candidate for re-
election to the office of United States sen-
ator. Foss intimates that unless
Lodge withdraws he (Foss) will re-
fuse to sign his certificate of election.

Governor-elect Foss in his address
to the people says:
"The issues on which this fight was
made, on which I was elected, were
an honest Tariff revision downward,
lower duties on the necessities of
life, free raw materials, an untaxed
food supply, reciprocity with Canada
and more democracy in our form of
government."

If Eugene N. Foss had been run-
ning for governor of Iowa on the plat-
form submitted above, he would have
been defeated by a majority of more
than 100,000. The farmers of Iowa
can see whither we are drifting.

If Massachusetts is determined to
have Free-Trade on everything she

has to buy and Protection on every-
thing she has to sell, the farmers of
the Middle West will adopt for their
banner Free-Trade in everything.
And they will give Massachusetts a
dose of her own medicine.

It is well enough that Massachu-
setts has outlined her program. Mas-
sachusetts will make Free-Trade with
Canada an issue and on that issue it
will not be necessary to inquire
where Iowa will be.

Governor-elect Foss has outlined
his political opinions and has made
them correspond with the interest of
his own factories. This he calls pa-
triotism. We are not fighting Mas-
sachusetts' battles in regard to the
senatorship. The people of Massa-
chusetts will determine whether they
want Senator Lodge continued or not.
But we are concerned on the issues
raised by Foss.

Free-Trade with Canada and Free-
Trade on raw materials would prac-
tically destroy protection as far as
Iowa is concerned, and after a full
and free debate Iowa would tell Mas-
sachusetts that Protection must be
for all or for none.



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